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1. On 16 September 1953, the SS Kaserne on the western section of the Oranienburg concentration camp was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. Five T-34/85 tanks entered the installation from the training area on 7 September. Three T-34/85 tanks practiced driving in the area north of the barracks installation on 9 September. Between 150 and 180 soldiers were engaged in callisthenics in the barracks area on 14 September.

On 16 September, about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia armed with carbines left the installation.

2. Buildings Nos 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 in the Weisse Stadt restricted area were available for occupation. Buildings Nos 12 through 15 which had been planned for occupation were scheduled to remain empty at present. Building No 4 which had been vacant on 15 September, could quarter an estimated 150 officers from three units expected to arrive. Other rooms in this building were planned to quarter the headquarters, the administration and purse offices of these units. Part of Building No 5 was earmarked for the administration of the topographical unit of Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshov (fnu), the other room were planned to house an estimated 200 officers. Some rooms were still vacant on 15 September. Buildings Nos 6, 7, 9 and 11 were scheduled to quarter personnel. About 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets occupied one building on 15 September. They did cleaning work. No other building was occupied on 15 September. Building No 8 is planned to serve as quarter for personnel of the topographical unit. about 700 soldiers could be quartered in Building No 9 and about 600 in Building No 11.
3. During the period from 28 August and 15 September, Lieutenant Colonel Shuravkov (fnu) and Major Sherback (fnu) were assigned to the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshov. Lieutenant Colonel Zybankin (fnu) who had previously been seen in the restricted area was commanding officer or supply officer of another unit. One colonel and a major who, according to a Soviet soldier, came from Vogelsang, and inspected the restricted area at 11 a.m. on 15 September.

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4. Trucks belonging to Unit Kuleshov [] were seen in the restricted area [] 25X1
5. A fuel depot which was 50 percent underground was constructed by the topographical unit about 30 meters west of Building No 24. ²
6. During the period under review, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp quartered Tank Instruction Unit Pecinien. The ammunition depot located in camp section 2 C also belonged to this unit. Wooden Buildings Nos 86, 88, 90, 92 and 94 quartered officers or served as administrative offices. Brick Buildings Nos 11, 13, 15, 82 through 84 served the same purpose. Buildings Nos 150, 159 and 160 quartered personnel. At about 9 a.m. on 2 September, about 530 soldiers left the building. The supply officer of Tank Instruction Unit Pecinien was seen with trucks [] 25X1
[] on two different days.
7. The barracks area also housed Driving School Unit Kabanov. [] 25X1
8. Since early September, the quartering area was also occupied by the advance detail of 40 soldiers of a new driving school unit in Vogelsang. Lieutenant Colonel Stepekien (fnu) (phonetical spelling) was commanding officer or supply officer of this unit. [] 25X1
9. Buildings R 1 and R 2 housed the hospital which was directed by Lieutenant Colonel Kiryukhin (fnu) (phonetical spelling) and Major Zopkov (fnu) (phonetical spelling) as chief physician. The billets for the officers assigned to the hospital were in Buildings Nos 30 and 32 on Diana Strasse.
10. The area of Tank Instruction Unit Pecinien was completely separated from other areas in section 3 by a wooden fence.
11. At about 2 p.m. on 9 September, 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers [] 25X1
[] passed Oranienburg coming from the direction of Sachsenhausen and proceeding toward Velten.
12. During the period from 25 to 27 August, [] Captain Negrin (fnu) 25X1
was administrative officer of the Schuetzenhaus, referred to as club on Bernauer Strasse. 25X1
13. On 3 August, Lieutenant Colonel Bespoatkin (fnu) was commanding officer of the Grabowsee Hospital.
14. During the period from 27 August to 14 September, [] the build- 25X1
ings in Section 2 B of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp were still unoccupied and nailed up. Building No 105 served as garage for the driving school unit. Buildings Nos 17 a and 17 b in Section 2 A were occupied by guard details each of about 8 soldiers of the driving school units. [] that Building No 10 25X1
of Section 2 A was occupied by about 70 uniformed women. Building No 12 was occupied by 130 soldiers of the motor transport unit. [] this unit had received 50 new soldiers during the last days in August. [] about 25X1
300 soldiers of the tank instruction unit were quartered in Part 3 of Building No 150. A wooden fence, 3 meters high, was erected diagonally across the yard at Building No 148. On 7 September, [] the Soviet occupied section of 25X1
the Sachsenhausen concentration camp quartered 300 soldiers of the tank instruction unit, 120 soldiers of the driving school unit, 130 soldiers of the motor transport unit, and 70 uniformed women or a total of 620 persons. Trucks seen daily at the driving school [] 25X1
[] About 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets went to the firing range near the brick factory on trucks [] on several days. About 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia daily received training on two green T-34 tanks in front of the wooden fence. ¹ On 11 September, Building No 8 in the army section of the Weisse Stadt restricted area was occupied to capacity by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 20 to 25 trucks were observed in the barracks area. ²

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15. Four villas which belonged to the KVP quartering area lay in the western section of the ammunition depot which was partitioned off from the eastern section by a wooden fence 3 meters high. About 12 low brick buildings, 8 x 30 meters large lay southeast of these villas. they stored ammunition for the tank instruction unit. Three guard towers were each manned by six soldiers with tank insignia. 25X1

16. From 7 to 13 August, Lieutenant Colonel Gurov (fnu) (phonetical spelling) was town commander in Oranienburg.

17. On 6 August, about 60 new trucks, 4 guns and 2 canvas-covered tanks were served in the barracks area of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. On 24 August, a train of about 40 flatcars and 5 additional cars carrying about 35 trucks loaded with billeting equipment and 4 x 37-mm AA guns was on a siding at the Oranienburg railroad station. 25X1

1. Comment. SS Kaserne and Sachsenhausen concentration camp were still occupied by units of the unidentified tank training battalion and the unidentified motor transport battalion of the 25th Tank Div until mid-September. It is believed that the driving school unit belongs to the unidentified motor transport battalion. In late August or early September, the unit was possibly re-inforced by elements of the battalion stationed in Templin or new trainees arriving from there. Lieutenant Colonel Pecinien (fnu) previously referred to as Pichenien and Major Kabanov (fnu) are known as members of the unidentified tank training battalion of the division. The building numbers are keyed to a sketch previously transmitted. 25X1

2. Comment. The Weisse Stadt restricted area are probably quarters the unidentified topographical unit, elements of which, according to paragraph 14 of the present report, were possibly quartered in Building No 8 on 11 September. the Weisse Stadt restricted area was scheduled to be occupied by units of the 25th Tank Div after termination of the summer exercises. Part of the elements from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp for which the winter quarters at the Templin troop training grounds would not do probably move to the installation. Lieutenant Colonel Kuleshov and Lieutenant Colonel Shuravkov who were mentioned in conjunction with the unidentified topographical unit were previously reported. Shuravkov is, however, carried as supply officer of a unit of the 25th Tank Div. The building numbers are keyed to a sketch which was previously forwarded. 25X1

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